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TASK FORCE ON IT AND IT-RELATED SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force of the Information and Technology (IT) Department has recommended for allocation of 2-3% of Planned Budget of every Department be spent on IT and IT-related services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for its approval; and

(d) if so, the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): The Planning Commission, based on the recommendations of the High Powered Committee for improving administrative efficiency by using IT, has requested all Central Line Ministries /Departments to make provision of 2-3 percent of their Plan/ Budget for Programmes/ Schemes relating to IT application. It had also been conveyed to the Departments/Ministries that they could incur expenditure of an amount exceeding 2-3 percent of their budget (Plan or non plan) for initiatives relating to IT including training, acquisition of hardware, software as well as development and maintenance of software. It was also clarified by the Planning Commission that this does not entail any additionalities by way of budgetary allocations.